

Amendments to the Claims:

Where there were originally 27 claims, after amendment there are 30 claims. Claims 28, 29, and 30 are new claims.

Claim 17 has been amended.

Claim 28 is completely new.

Claim 29 is the same as Claim 1 with the additional words "non-divisible" added in front of the word flexible skin to further clarify a distinction (discussed in more detail below) between this invention and Griffin (PCT No. WO 96/18789).

Claim 30 is the same as Claim 1 with the additional words "non-jointed" modifying the first flexible rod and the second flexible rod to further clarify a distinction (discussed in more detail below) between this invention and the Lee (US Patent No. 5,628,336) and any other prior art where the rods are jointed and non-continuous.

Listing of Claims:

17. (amended once) A storage bag for storing a fast-erecting portable structure having flexible rods, the storage bag comprising,

a front sheet having a front sheet perimeter, a front sheet inside face, a front sheet outside face, an opening flap, and an opening flap perimeter, wherein the distance between the opening flap perimeter and the front sheet perimeter is at least one inch,

a back sheet having a back sheet perimeter, a back sheet inside face, a back sheet outside face, and a first pocket, wherein the first pocket is connected to the back sheet inside face near the back sheet perimeter and the front sheet perimeter is

connected to the back sheet perimeter, wherein the first pocket is oriented to receive the ends of the flexible rods.

27. (amended once) A fast-erecting portable structure system comprising:

a flexible skin, a first flexible framing rod having two ends and a middle, a second flexible framing rod having two ends and a middle, and a third flexible framing rod having two ends and a middle,

wherein the flexible skin is slidably connected to the middle of the first flexible framing rod, slidably connected to the middle of the second flexible framing rod, removably connected to the middle of the third flexible framing rod, non-removably connected to the two ends of the first flexible framing rods, and non-removably connected to the two ends of second flexible framing rod, non-removably connected to the two ends of the third flexible framing rod, and

wherein when the fast-erecting portable structure is released, the first flexible framing rod forms substantially into an inverted u-shape, and the second flexible framing rod forms substantially into an inverted u-shape, the third flexible framing rod forms substantially into an inverted u-shape, and wherein the second flexible framing rod crosses the first flexible framing rod and the third flexible framing rod near the apex of the inverted u-shape and the flexible skin, supported by the first flexible framing rod, the second flexible framing rod and the third flexible framing rod, forms a dome shape,

a storage bag having an interior pocket, wherein the first flexible framing rod, the second flexible framing rod and the flexible skin can be coiled and stowed inside the storage bag.

28. (new claim) A fast-erecting tent system comprising:

A storage device,

a fast-erecting tent stored by the storage device, the fast erecting tent comprising a first flexible framing rod, the first flexible framing rod having two ends and a middle, a second flexible framing rod, the second flexible framing rod having two ends and a middle, a flexible skin, the flexible skin slidably connected to the middle of the first flexible framing rod, slidably connected to the middle of the second flexible framing rod, non-removably connected to the two ends of the first flexible framing rods, and non-removably connected to the two ends of second flexible framing rod,

wherein when the fast-erecting tent is released from the storage device, the fast-erecting tent springs into shape.

29. (new claim) A fast-erecting portable structure comprising:

a first flexible framing rod formed substantially into an inverted u-shape, the first flexible framing rod having two ends and a middle,

a second flexible framing rod formed substantially into an inverted u-shape, the second flexible framing rod having two ends and a middle, and wherein the second flexible framing rod crosses the first flexible framing rod near the apex of the inverted u-shape,

a non-divisible flexible skin, the divisible flexible skin slidably connected to the middle of the first flexible framing rod, slidably connected to the middle of the second flexible framing rod, non-removably connected to the two ends of the first

flexible framing rods, and non-removably connected to the two ends of second flexible framing rod,

and wherein the two ends of the first flexible framing rod and the two ends of the second flexible framing rod act as a base of the fast-erecting portable structure.

30. (new claim) A fast-erecting portable structure comprising:

a first flexible framing rod formed substantially into an inverted u-shape, the first flexible framing rod having two ends and a middle, the first flexible framing rod being non-jointed,

a second flexible framing rod formed substantially into an inverted u-shape, the second flexible framing rod having two ends and a middle, and wherein the second flexible framing rod crosses the first flexible framing rod near the apex of the inverted u-shape, the second flexible framing rod being non-jointed,

a flexible skin, the flexible skin slidably connected to the middle of the first flexible framing rod, slidably connected to the middle of the second flexible framing rod, non-removably connected to the two ends of the first flexible framing rods, and non-removably connected to the two ends of second flexible framing rod,

and wherein the two ends of the first flexible framing rod and the two ends of the second flexible framing rod act as a base of the fast-erecting portable structure.